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Executive
Secr.

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Dear Bobbie,

The past four and a half weeks I've been traveling with the Ballons to Georgia and Washington and recieved your last month's letter Thursday after chasing me down South and back.

I'm overcome with delight over your engagement! How I would have loved to have seen you announce it, and I'm just ill I didn't know in time to at least have wired my congratulations. Don't know whether you or John is the more lucky.

Your other letter came this morning along with one from Daddy which has some news.

Mother and he spent the night in Northampton

on their way to Maine a week ago, and Daddy had a long talk with Mr. Albert King. He told Daddy he was going ahead with plans, though had not sent a contract yet. (I gather you have it, or have heard from him about the contract.) Mr. King has not decided whether to buy or make up himself the instrument panel, but will do so soon. He went down and saw Gale's and said we would get everything we wanted plus better equipment than originally planned. He is going to send Mr. Bodden the contract, and the equipment will be ready before we need it. It will be complete and within the \$2500. installed. He stressed that he is making the equipment "portable" so that it can be moved without any expense, and the units can be altered as time goes on to fit new conditions. Daddy liked him and says he really knows

what he's doing.

Then Daddy talked to Mr. ^{George} King's clerk, who told him that the work for building the studios had been approved, the material ordered, some of it had come in, but no work had been started. He (probably was Mr. Ready) assured Daddy it would be finished in plenty of time, and the fact that the material is ordered and arriving is a good sign. It would be a good idea to have Mr. George King commit himself, and if you haven't written him, or are busy, I'll be glad to as soon as you reply.

I've written B. M. I. and A. S. C. R. P. and the F. C. C. ^{Permission from B. M. I. and A. S. C. R. P.} Everything will be granted promptly as soon as the F. C. C. replies. I think it would be smart to write again, set a date, and have them wire collect back. At least they reply that way. I wrote the first week of July to the F. C. C.

and told them we needed the call letters before
we could get ASCAP permission etc. and I'm
certainly going to note for Dewey and efficient
Federal management in Nov. I'm going to write
the FCC. after this letter to you. I tried to
get over to their office while in Washington,
but our eight days were too full of other things
during the times the office was open.

I've got to get the girls up now. They're both
rest in the afternoons - ~~my~~ sole hour of solitude.

Mrs Bolton is in La. for a week, so the
two girls, one dog, ^{and} five house servants are
being managed under my impulsive thumb.

I'll write tonight about the record
shelves, ~~and the recorder~~, and it will be mailed
Monday night. Mail goes out once a day.

Love,

Louise

I wrote Ellie to pick out a tape recorder. and ^{write} you about
it, and if she feels assured it's the best she can get, she should
order it. I wrote fairly recently back. She was away before I left.